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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JAMES H. WANG, ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/753,077

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For: WATER-RESPONSIVE BIODEGRADABLE
POLYMER COMPOSITION AND METHOD
OF MAKING SAME

Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: Jeffrey Mullis

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2002, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

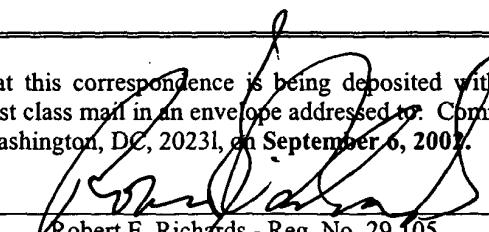
CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS**In the Claims:**

Please rewrite Claims 2, 14, 32 and 33 as follows:

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a 2. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein said biodegradable polymer is selected from poly(hydroxy alkanoates), poly(alkylene succinates), polycaprolactones or combinations thereof that are hydrolytically degradable.

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